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## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

COMPLAINANT:

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

RESPONDENT:

AMERUS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 611 Fifth Ave. Des Moines, IA 50309 License No. 229 STIPULATION & ORDER

2005-130 LF

Docket No.

Enf. Case No. <u>1714</u>

### STIPULATION

- 1. Respondent, AmerUs Life Insurance Corapany, is an insurer domiciled in the State of Iowa and authorized to do business in the State of Utah, Utaa Organization Identification No. 229.
  - 2. Respondent stipulates with the Complainant, Utah Insurance Department, as follows:
- a. If a hearing were held, witnesses called by the Complainant could offer and introduce evidence that would support the Findings of Fact herein;
- b. Respondent neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions made therefrom;

- c. Respondent stipulates to the summary entry of the Order herein which shall be in lieu of other administrative proceedings by Complainant in this matter; and
- d. Respondent and Complainant have negotiated the terms of the Order entered herein and Respondent agrees to its entry and further agrees to be bound by all its terms.
- 3. Respondent is aware of its right to a hearing at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent has irrevocably waived its right to such hearing and to any appeal related thereto.
- 4. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the State of Utah Insurance Commissioner as to all matters herein.
- 5. Respondent is acting herein free from any duress or coercion of any kind or nature, having been advised fully as to its rights set forth herein.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that the issuance of this Order by the Commissioner is solely for the purpose of disposition of the matter entitled herein.

DATED this 20 day of DECEMBER, 2005.

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

M. Gale Lemmon, Assistant Attorney General

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and information in the file, the Presiding Officer makes the following Findings of Fact:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. During the period of about June 2003 through February 2005, Respondent, through its agents appointed in the State of Utah, sold and delivered to residents of the State of Utah 60 annuity contracts on forms that were not filed with the commissioner.
- 2. Said annuity contracts did not comply with Utah Code Annotated 31A-22-409(10) in that the contracts had higher surrender charges or charges covering a longer period of time than those allowed under Utah law.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the Presiding Officer enters the following Conclusions of Law:

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. In using, selling or offering for sale a form that had not been filed with the commissioner, Respondent committed 60 violations of Utah Code Annotated § 31A-21-201(1).
- 2. Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 31A-21-107, provisions in an insurance policy or contract that are not in compliance with the provisions of the Utah Insurance Code shall be construed and applied as if the policy was in full compliance with the Utah Insurance Code.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Presiding Officer herewith enters the following Order:

#### **ORDER**

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent is assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$6,000.00, to be paid within 30 days of the date of this Order.
- 2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall notify the holders of the non-compliant annuity contracts that they have purchased a non-compliant contract and have an option to cancel the annuity contract and receive a return of all premiums paid at two percent (2%) rate of interest, or they may retain the annuity contract and have the surrender charge provisions amended to shorten or reduce them to comply with Utah law, with all other provisions remaining the same. Said notice shall be in such form and content as approved by the department. The Respondent shall provide a period of at least 30 days after the date the notice is mailed for the holder of the annuity contract to choose the option to cancel the annuity contract and receive a return of premium plus interest; otherwise the contract shall be amended to comply with Utah law.

#### NOTIFICATION

Respondent is hereby notified that failure to abide by the terms of this Order may subject it to further penalties, including additional forfeitures of up to \$5,000.00 per violation and the suspension or revocation of its license, and the filing of an action to enforce this Order in the District Court which may impose penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per day for continued violation.

You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require

that you report this action to them.

DATED this Z3 nd day of Oesen ben , 2005.

D. KENT MICHIE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

MARK E. KLEINFIELD, Esq.

Administrative Law Judge Utah Insurance Department

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I do hereby certify that on this date I mailed, by regular mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the attached:

# STIPULATION & ORDER

To the following:

AMERUS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 611 FIFTH AVE. DES MOINES, IA 50309

DATED this 27 th day of December, 2005

Linda/Hardy

Insurance Technician

Utah Department of Insurance State Office Building, Room 3110 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6901

(801) 538-3813

#### UTAH Invoice

Date:

December 27, 2005

Balance Due:

\$6,000.00

Due Date:

January 31, 2006

Invoice ID:

269435

AMERUS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 699 WALNUT DES MOINES IA 50309

Item Description

Monetary Penalty Company E-Case 1714 Docket 2005-130 LF Amount

\$6,000.00

Original Amount Due

\$6,000.00

#### UTAH Invoice

Date: December 27, 2005

Balance Due:

\$6,000.00

Due Date:

January 31, 2006

Invoice ID:

269435

Make checks payable to: Utah Insurance Department

Send payment to:

Utah Insurance Department 3110 State Office Building Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6901